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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant makes the documents listed on the enclosed Form 1449, of record in the above-identified application. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby brings to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office the following documents of which Applicant has been made aware. The documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449.

Copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications listed on the attached form 1449 are not enclosed, in accordance with the waiver of the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i) for submitting a copy of each cited U.S. patent and U.S. patent application publication for all U.S. national patent applications filed after June 30, 2003 that appears in the Official Gazette Notice (Week No. 31) August 5, 2003 and entitled Serial No. 10/581,167

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"Information Disclosure Statements May Be Filed Without Copies of U.S. Patents and Published Applications in Patent Applications Filed After June 30, 2003." Copies of foreign patent publications are enclosed herewith.

Submission of the present Information Disclosure Statement should not be taken as an admission that the cited references are legally available prior art or that the same are pertinent or material.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) Applicant submits that each item of reference contained in the information disclosure statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. No item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

It is requested that the references be considered by the Examiner and be made of record as part of the available prior art under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Respectfully submitted,

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